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WASHINGTON, January 18, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 13 totaled 329,454, down 4.6 percent from the comparable week of 1989 but 13.9 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 0.4 percent in the West but down 8.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 3,094 cars (2.4 percent), and grain loadings were up 1,689 cars (5.3 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 11,821 cars (52.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first two weeks of 1990 totaled 618,588, down 3.0 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 114,654 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 13, up 4.0 percent from the comparable week of 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of 1990 was 206,373 trailers and/or containers, 5.0 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 13 totaled 19.2 billion, 3.5 percent below the comparable week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1990 was an estimated 35.9 billion ton-miles, down 1.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	33,364	31,675	5.3 %	29,961	11.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,508	2,406	4.2	2,776	-9.7
Metallic Ores	16,646	16,368	1.7	16,302	2.1
Coal	129,624	126,530	2.4	111,646	16.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,798	11,905	-.9	9,932	18.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,662	10,172	-14.8	7,248	19.5
Grain Mill Products	10,248	10,562	-3.0	9,275	10.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,158	9,357	-2.1	7,964	15.0
Primary Forest Products	9,529	10,474	-9.0	8,111	17.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,801	6,890	-15.8	5,204	11.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,837	11,135	-2.7	11,013	-1.6
Chemicals	27,677	29,749	-7.0	25,515	8.5
Petroleum Products	5,269	5,495	-4.1	4,458	18.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,861	9,056	-2.2	7,669	15.5
Coke	5,661	6,065	-6.7	5,463	3.6
Metals & Products	9,294	9,954	-6.6	8,287	12.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	10,087	21,368	-52.8	7,279	38.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,296	9,440	-12.1	6,065	36.8
All Other Carloads	6,134	6,721	-8.7	4,966	23.5
Total	329,454	345,322	-4.6 %	289,134	13.9 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 2 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 13, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	329,454	345,322	-4.6 %	618,588	637,725	-3.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,091	62,859	.4	111,565	111,617	.0
Containers	51,563	47,357	8.9	94,808	84,943	11.6
Total	114,654	110,216	4.0	206,373	196,560	5.0
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.2	19.9	-3.5 %	35.9	36.4	-1.4 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 2, 1990 - BN.

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